

The New Paper Big Walk 2006
21 May 2006
Special Public Announcement

In view of the anticipated large turnout, the public should be aware of the following:

1.0 Road Closure

The roads surrounding the National Stadium i.e. Stadium Road, Stadium Crescent, Stadium Drive, Stadium Boulevard, Esplanade Drive, Nicoll Highway, and all roads leading into Nicoll Highway will be closed from 6.30am to 11.30am on 21 May 2006.

Vehicles are advised to avoid these roads.

2.0 How to Get to The New Paper Big Walk

Commercial SBS bus services plying through the National Stadium will be suspended from 6.30am to 11.30am.

Those who are driving to the National Stadium are advised to reach before 6.30am.

Those arriving after the road closure are advised to find the nearest alighting points not affected by the road closure. The People's Association (PA) car park will not be open to the public. Also, the PA will not be accessible for walking through as the compound is undergoing construction.

For those traveling via MRT, the following arrangements have been made:

- a. The nearest MRT station is Kallang MRT. From there, the stadium is within walking distance.
- b. Alternatively, there is free SBS Transit shuttle service at the following MRT Stations from 6.15am to 7.15am.
 - i) City Hall MRT (St Andrew's Road, opposite Padang)
 - ii) Dhoby Ghaut MRT (Bus stop next to Plaza Singapura, facing Orchard Road)

3.0 The 10km Walk

The flag off is at 7.30am sharp by our Guest-of-Honour, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

The start point is at Stadium Road, West Entrance, National Stadium, and walkers will walk towards the direction of Kallang Theatre.

From there, walkers will travel along Stadium Walk, Stadium Boulevard, Mountbatten Road, and into Nicoll Highway till The Fullerton before making a U-turn back into Nicoll Highway, into Stadium Road and back to the West Entrance for the finish line.

There will be a mid point drinks tent where free drinks will be given out to the participants.

4.0 What to expect at The New Paper Big Walk

- a. At the starting line up, competitive walkers, identified by their coloured number tags, will be positioned in front, followed by the fun walkers who will have grey number tags.
- b. Fun walkers are advised not to crowd around the competitive walkers as these walkers have to complete the 10km within 1 hr and 30 mins. For fun walkers, there is no timing involved. Also, it is not necessary for fun walkers to complete the entire route if they are not in good physical shape.
- c. Each participant will get a goodie bag, given out on the actual day from 7.30am after the flag off. There are sufficient goodie bags for all participants as well as distribution tents to cater to the huge crowd. Participants are advised not to rush or queue up too early.
- d. For breakfast, there are special food tents to cater to all. A variety of food will be sold at these tents and will be available from 6.30am onwards.
- e. The activities outside the National Stadium will start from 9am, with a band performance, followed by a Big Walk Dance routine to kick-off the on-stage programme at 10am. The lucky draw will be held from around 10.45am, with the draw for the top prize held at around 11.30am. The top 5 prize winners must be present at the draw with their number tags to claim their prizes.
- f. Tentages - goodie bags tents, drinks tent, food tent, sponsors' tents.
- g. Lost and Found – There will be a tent set up for this
- h. Medical – There will be doctors, nurses, first-aid helpers along the route in case some need medical attention.

All participants must bring along their number tags (for the Grand Lucky Draw) as well as the coupon booklet, to exchange for the goodie bags and to use for the special offers on that day.

5.0 Wet Weather

The New Paper Big Walk will proceed as planned in the event of wet weather.

6.0 Littering / Illegal Hawking

The public is advised not to litter the stadium and the walk route as Ministry of Environment officers will be on hand to enforce the anti-littering.

They will also be on the look out for illegal hawking as only authorised food vendors by SSC and the organisers are allowed to operate there.

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